reputed hospitals in Bangalore involving Government Doctors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the delay in notification of the Translation of Human Organs Act, passed by Parliament on June 14, 1994, has helped in breathing life into the illegal trade in kidneys; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delaying the notification of this Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on complaints regarding illegal removal of kidneys from unsuspecting blood donors in Karnataka, two FIRs have been lodged on 21-1-95 and 29.1.95 respectively. One doctor was arrested and later on released on bail. Two other doctors have been deregistered by the Karnataka Medical Council.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Memorandum Against the ban on sale and use of Tobacco

678. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Trade Unions have jointly submitted a memorandum to Government appealing to desist from the proposed legislation banning the sale and use of tobacco; and

(b) if so, the details of the memorandum and reaction of Government to the suggestion and demands they have made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Labour has been advised to clarify to the Trade Unions that the proposed legislation does not envisage a ban on the use of sale of Tobacco. It merely seeks to ban advertisements of Tobacco products.

Investment in Tamil Nadu by NRIs from Singapore

679 SHRI V RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Non Resident Indians from Singapore who have come forward to invest in Tamil Nadu during the current financial year; and

(b) the facilities offered by the State Government to those NRIs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 17 proposals involving NRI investment of Rs. 1707.23 lakh have received Govt. approval during 1.4.94 to 28.2.1995 for setting up industries in the State of Tamil Nadu. According to records, one proposal is from an NRI based in Singapore and involves an investment of Rs. 60.00 lakhs for setting up a Waste Paper Treatment Plant.

(b) Inter alia, the State Govt. provides infrastructural facilities like land, power etc. for setting up industries.

Declaring 1995-96 as SSI year

680. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared 1995-96 as the SSI year:

(b) if so, the details of the plan to boost this sector during the year; and